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This is a Supplement to Appellant's Appeal Brief submitted in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated February 16, 2011. This Supplement includes a concise explanation of the subject matter of the other independent Claims 6, 47, 56, and 85, and mapping to the Specification and to the Drawings as required in the Notice.

SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The claimed subject matter is defined in main Claims 1, 6, 47, 56 and

85 of the present Application. The subject matter of main Claim 1 was described in the Appeal Brief originally submitted. The claimed subject matters in the other main claims are as follows:

Claim 6:

A method of executing a command entered in a text input area of a computer program which is presently executing on a computer, which command is directed to achieve an action in a separately-executing program other than the presently executing computer program, comprising:

(a) employing a WWW browser of the presently executing computer program having a window with a designated URL field and a graphical display area of said browser;

(b) receiving a text string, representing a command in a format which is neither a standard URL nor a portion thereof, which is entered into said designated URL field of said WWW browser; and

(c) translating, by computer, said command into at least one action to be executed by the other separately-executing program, wherein said step of receiving a text string also includes receiving a command directed to affecting a translation of a future command entered into said designated URL field into an action of said other separately-executing program; and

(d) enabling a display of a status of the other separately-executing

program in the graphical display area of said browser while the user continues to employ said browser.

The above-indexed elements recited in main Claim 6 are described and supported in the Specification and the Drawings of the Application as follows:

(a) Fig. 1 shows, and the Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, a WWW browser window 100 with a URL entry/display field 106 and a graphical display area 108. The invention enables a user to enter a command in the URL field 106 of the browser window 100 which interacts with other software running on the same computer or on a remote computer and causes a response to be displayed in the graphical display interface 108.

(b) The Description on Page 8, Line 5, to Page 9, Line 19, describes that a command may be entered in any format that can be differentiated from a standard URL, including: commands prefixed with a special code (Page 8, Lines 9-10); free-form natural language (Page 8, Lines 27-28); template language (Page 8, Lines 29-34); script commands, conditional statements, etc. (Page 9, Lines 1-2); or implicit or form-filling commands (Page 9, Lines 6-19).

(c) The Description on Page 11, Lines 7-22, describes that the command is translated into instructions for the other software packages

(Line 11) or other appropriate instructions for other types of software (Lines 14-16). The Description on Page 13, Lines 10-16 also describes that the user can enter a command that will affect how future commands are translated. For example, a command can be given to direct future commands to a particular name of a computer. Also, a user can enter a command to limit the interpretation of future command, such as to direct it to a particular product (application).

(d) The Description on Page 9, Line 20, to Page 10, end, describes that the command entered in the URL field can affect the display area 108 of the browser window 100 by: displaying command results in data display area 112 (Page 9, Lines 22-23); displaying what the system understood the user's command to mean (Page 9, Lines 31-33); providing feedback on the results or progress or other statuses of the command (Page 10, Lines 16-19); displaying the effect of the command (Page 10, Line 20).

Main Claim 6 does not contain any means-plus-function or step-plus-function recitation.

Claim 47:

A method of performing an action in a separately-executing program other than a presently executing computer program on a computer,

comprising:

(a) employing the presently executing computer program having a window with an input URL field and a graphical display area;

(b) receiving a text string which is entered in the input URL field which is executing with the presently executing computer program on the computer;

(c) parsing said string to determine a command to achieve said action, said parsing being at a location other than a domain indicated by said entered text string; and

(d) executing said command to perform said action in the separately-executing program other than the presently executing computer program; and

(e) enabling a display of a status of the other separately-executing program in the graphical display area of said browser while the user continues to employ said presently executing computer program.

The above-indexed elements recited in main Claim 47 are described and supported in the Specification and the Drawings of the Application as follows:

(a) Fig. 1 shows, and the Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, a WWW browser window 100 with a URL entry/display field 106 and a graphical display area 108. The invention enables a user to enter a command in the URL field 106 of the browser window 100 which

interacts with other software running on the same computer or on a remote computer and causes a response to be displayed in the graphical display interface 108.

(b) The Description on Page 8, Line 5, to Page 9, Line 19, describes that a command may be entered in the browser URL field in any format that can be differentiated from a standard URL.

(c) The Description on Page 16, Lines 14-21, describes that the command is parsed (translated into instructions) at a computer in one location to perform actions at a computer at another location. On Page 12, Lines 6-21, reference is made to Fig. 2 to illustrate that, for example, the command may be parsed at client 202, translated at remote processor 210, to perform actions at remote target computer 214, and a response page is generated at remote page generator 21.

(d) As noted in (c) above, the Description on Page 16, Lines 14-21, describes that the command can be executed in a separately-executing program on another computer other than the presently executing computer program on the computer in which the command is given.

(e) The Description on Page 9, Line 20, to Page 10, end, describes that the command entered in the URL field can affect the

display area 108 of the browser window 100 by: displaying command results in data display area 112 (Page 9, Lines 22-23); displaying what the system understood the user's command to mean (Page 9, Lines 31-33); providing feedback on the results or progress or other statuses of the command (Page 10, Lines 16-19); displaying the effect of the command (Page 10, Line 20). The Description on Page 16, Lines 14-21, describes that the command can be executed in a separately-executing program on another computer other than the presently executing computer program on the computer in which the command is given.

Main Claim 47 does not contain any means-plus-function or step-plus-function recitation.

Claim 56:

A method of interacting with an executing program having one or more interfaces running on a computer, comprising:

(a) employing a browser which is executing separately with the executing program, said browser including an interface, which is not one of the executing program's one or more interfaces;

(b) receiving an input of a command in the interface of said browser directed to the executing program which is to provide a response to be

returned to said browser interface; and

(c) causing a response to said command directed to the executing program to be returned to said browser interface; and

(d) enabling a display of a status of the other separately-executing program in the browser interface while the user continues to employ said browser interface.

The above-indexed elements recited in main Claim 56 are described and supported in the Specification and the Drawings of the Application as follows:

(a) Fig. 1 shows, and the Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, a WWW browser window 100 with a URL entry/display field 106 and a graphical display area 108. The invention enables a user to enter a command in the URL field 106 of the browser window 100 which interacts with other software running on the same computer or on a remote computer and causes a response to be displayed in the graphical display interface 108.

(b) Fig. 1 shows, and the Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, that a command entered in the URL entry/display field 106 can interact in various ways with other software, and cause a response to the command to be displayed locally.

(c) The Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, that a command

entered in the URL entry/display field 106 can interact in various ways with other software, and cause a response to the command to be returned to the browser interface.

(d) The Description on Page 9, Line 20, to Page 10, end, describes that the command entered in the URL field can affect the display area 108 of the browser window 100 by: displaying command results in data display area 112 (Page 9, Lines 22-23); displaying what the system understood the user's command to mean (Page 9, Lines 31-33); providing feedback on the results or progress or other statuses of the command (Page 10, Lines 16-19); displaying the effect of the command (Page 10, Line 20).

Main Claim 56 does not contain any means-plus-function or step-plus-function recitation.

Claim 85

A method of making a telephone connection through a separately-executing program other than a presently executing program on a computer, comprising:

(a) employing a WWW browser of the presently executing computer program having a window with a designated URL field and a graphical display area;

(b) receiving a text string, representing a command in a format which is

neither a standard URL nor a portion thereof, which is entered into said designated URL field of said WWW browser; and

(c) translating, by machine, said command into at least one action comprising making a telephone connection through the separately-executing program; and

(d) causing a display, on said graphical display area of said WWW browser, of feedback from said other separately-executing program while the user continues to employ the WWW browser.

The above-indexed elements recited in main Claim 85 are described and supported in the Specification and the Drawings of the Application as follows:

(a) Fig. 1 shows, and the Description on Page 7, Lines 23-34 describes, a WWW browser window 100 with a URL entry/display field 106 and a graphical display area 108. The invention enables a user to enter a command in the URL field 106 of the browser window 100 which interacts with other software running on the same computer or on a remote computer and causes a response to be displayed in the graphical display interface 108.

(b) The Description on Page 8, Line 5, to Page 9, Line 19, describes that a command may be entered in any format that can be differentiated from a standard URL.

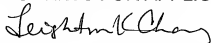
(c) The Description on Page 12, Lines 11-21, describes that the user can enter personal-related information, such as a telephone number, and cause the computer to make contact with that person, for example, by dialing (the telephone number), or other messaging application on the same computer or a remote computer.

(d) The Description on Page 9, Line 20, to Page 10, end, describes that the command entered in the URL field can affect the display area 108 of the browser window 100 by: displaying command results in data display area 112 (Page 9, Lines 22-23); displaying what the system understood the user's command to mean (Page 9, Lines 31-33); providing feedback on the results or progress or other statuses of the command (Page 10, Lines 16-19); displaying the effect of the command (Page 10, Line 20).

Main Claim 85 does not contain any means-plus-function or step-plus-function recitation.

The other depending Claims 5, 8-36, 38-46, 54-55, and 79-83 dependent on Claim 1, Claims 48-53, 84, and 86 dependent on Claim 47, Claims 57-63 and 87-88 dependent on Claim 56 define ancillary features of the system, and are deemed to stand or fall on the same point of patentability as presented for the main claims on which they depend.

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